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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Complaint on First-Class Mail Standards

Docket No. C2001-3

(Issued December 10, 2001)

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON CARLSON MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR DIRECT CASE

Mr. Carlson proposes extending the January 7, 2002 deadline for filing his direct case to February 7, 2002. Douglas F. Carlson Motion for an Extension of Time to File Direct Case, November 30, 2001 (Carlson Motion for Extension). In support of the extension, he raises several discovery-related considerations. Mr. Carlson also notes his involvement in pending Freedom of Information Act litigation, which entails deadlines which may interfere with his attention to this case during December. Carlson Motion for Extension at 1-2. The Postal Service does not oppose Mr. Carlson's request. Reply of the United States Postal Service Postal to Motion of Douglas Carlson for an Extension of Time to File Testimony, December 7, 2001.

Ruling. Given the lack of opposition to the motion and the status of discovery, I find it appropriate to extend the deadline for complainant's direct case to February 7, 2001. Accordingly, the Carlson Motion for Extension is granted.

RULING

The Douglas F. Carlson Motion for an Extension of Time to File Direct Case, filed

November 30, 2001, is granted.

Ruth Y. Goldway Presiding Officer